REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 12, 2026
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Oakland Town Hall, 6152 S County Rd K South Range WI 54874
Board Members Present: Chairman, Pete Fornengo, Supervisors Randy Polson and Dana Dolsen, Clerk, Laurie Dolsen, and Treasurer, Stacy Fornengo
Board Members Absent: None
Others Present: 27 Interested Citizens

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Pete Fornengo. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call
Board members present: Pete, Randy, Dana, Stacy, and Laurie. Approximately 27 interested citizens were also present.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 14, July 28, and August 4 meetings. Dana D. motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Randy P. seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

4. Bills
Dana D. motioned to pay the bills as presented, Randy P. seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

5. Reports

- Town Clerk: Reported she is getting ready for the August 25 Budget Workshop at 5:30 p.m., paid bills, and employees, and is becoming familiar with the changes made.
- Treasurer: Garbage invoices—there are 3 pending; dog licenses are up to date; worked on bank changes with Lydia resigning effective August 4, 2026; WTA meeting is October 20, and we need to set up dinner.
- Board Members: Dana had nothing to report. Randy had nothing to report. Pete received a call about speeding occurring on E Neuman Road—notified the Sheriff.
- Fire Department: The Fire Department reported 1 motor vehicle accident, 9 medical calls, and 1 mutual aid search and rescue call. They recently had relay training with Parkland, had a radio presentation, replaced the old hoses, fixed the pump on the tanker, they are up to date on EMS reports, EMS grant for a Lucas, and one new member was received. A replacement of the pumper is needed (1996)—Pete Warner reviewed the options and purchasing a used tanker has been ruled out due to emission issues and not being able to apply for grants. A new tanker would need to be purchased to apply for grants. He thanked Tessa Ramsey for assisting with the FD grants. PW requested approval for the new truck so we can apply for grants and loans—discussion followed on grants/loans being pursued. RP motioned to approve pursuing grants and loans for the new truck mentioned w/magnetic signage; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.
- Road Crew: They reported they cut grass, installed a strobe on the brusher, hauled gravel on Oliphant Road and Jacksino Road, graded the roads in dry conditions, fixed roads signs, worked on the 2004 Mack fan clutch, took the 2024 Mack truck to Nuss for warranty work, picked it up the day after, replaced the blades on the 2022 grader, delivered a garbage can to Tri-Lakes Road, ECE permit approval on Clara Barton new home, and cut trees off roads. A majority of the month was grading and hauling gravel.
- County Board Representative: Not present—no report.
- Community Events Group: The group met on August 6th to discuss the Fall Fest happening on September 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and there will be many activities—Chili contest, face painting, tractors, a dunk tank, vendors, cornhole games, etc.
- Planning Commission: No applications were received, and the Planning Commission did not meet.

6. Garbage Contract Review
Discussion was held regarding charging residents who have more than 1 garbage can, service from vendors, size of cans, reliability, etc. DD motioned to approve the contract with Waste Management; RP seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. A letter will be sent to residents regarding cans, and we will request a current garbage can report from WM.

7. Policy Contract/Set Date to Review

Effective September 1, 2026, the union contract with Operating Engineers Local 139 will be terminated as it is illegal to have a union for a municipality per the lawyer. One employee has resigned and turned in his 2-week notice. An employee policy manual is needed to replace the union contract that will now be null and void. The board will meet on Thursday, August 20, at 6 p.m. to determine where we stand. A preliminary draft of an employee policy manual is being developed/prepared. Bills have been received from the lawyer that Lydia hired and will be paid. New options for town employees could include PTO, retirement (possibly WRS), comparable wages, etc. RP motioned proposing to pay Greg to keep him whole; PF seconded, DD abstained; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

8. Propane Contract

No information has been received yet.

9. Public Comment

A sign to hold notices and new mailboxes are needed—current ones are in disrepair. DD motioned to replace the sign for notices and the mailboxes; RP seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried. August 18 is National Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day and our VFD members will be having an open house with food, games, crafts, a water balloon fight, etc. Come and enjoy. A citizen asked about hiring qualified employees to run the new equipment we have—we will post the position when and employee manual is ready and we are hoping to retain good wages and benefits (i.e., WRS) to hire and retain qualified workers going forward. A citizen shared she appreciated Lydia caring about our town and standing up for what is right even though she was treated disrespectfully for doing so. Asked that we put our differences aside and continue to be the township people want to move to. LD shared that yesterday's (August 11) Partisan Primary Election went well—314 residents voted and we had 9 new registrations. LD will continue to assist as clerk and can finish out Lydia's term unless someone else wants to take it and she will not be running for the position in April 2027. RP motioned to reimburse a resident for the garbage amount overpaid; DD seconded; all were in favor via voice vote; motion carried.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular town board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026, at 7 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting concluded following final public comments. DD motioned to adjourn, RP seconded, all were in favor via voice vote; meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk

Approved by the Board on: _____